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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

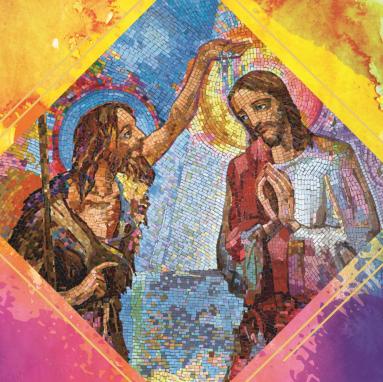
BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.

Church of Saint Ann

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." - Jn 1:29

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

> First Friday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

January 15, 2023





MONDAY, January 16 9:00 Mark Kuzia, requested by the Kuzia Family

TUESDAY, January 17 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, January 18 9:00 David Julian, requested by the Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, January 19

9:00 William Bevacqua, requested by Rob and Diane Earley

- FRIDAY, January 20
- 9:00 For the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn

SATURDAY, January 21 4:00 Nancy Lyons, requested by her husband, Tim

SUNDAY, January 22

- 7:30 Margaret Silvestre, requested by Jim and Marian Glynn
- 9:30 Jean Bouchard, requested by Jeanne Goldbach
- **11:00** Daniel and Jacqueline Diana, requested by the Wall Family

"POTLUCK" International Food Festival Parish Social

Saturday, January 21st following the 4PM Mass

Social Outreach Ministries

Hosted by our



Kick off 2023 by joining your fellow parishioners and guests as we CELEEBRATE DIVERSITY in FOOD!Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share! Enjoy sampling the favorite ethnic dishes that others bring!

> Even if you are attending Mass on Sunday, you are welcome to join us – the more the merrier!

If you'd like to bring your favorite ethnic dish but need to sign up, please contact Chip Janiszewsi, Ministry Coordinator, 860-673-4006 or chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com.



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, January 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church RCIA: 11am in Room 3 MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

Lectio Divina, Live! 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, January 17

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, January 18

James Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 1pm in Room 3 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2 WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 19

Step by Step: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall **Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church **Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

FRIDAY, January 20

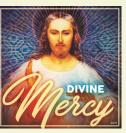
Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom Family Bingo Night/Pizza Party: 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SATURDAY, January 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Parish Social: after the 4pm Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, January 22 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday, **Japuary 15, 2023 2:30 - 3:30pm** in the church

Please join us to implore God's Mercy upon us and the whole world.



Every day we are inundated with messages about what our bodies should look and feel like, especially at the start of the year. Have you ever paused to consider what your loving God wants you to have on your mind, or what He has to say about your body? Come find out, and get renewed - body, mind, and Spirit!

- **Dates:** Mondays, beginning Jan 23 (skipping Feb 20)
- Time: 7-8:30pm
- Location: St. Ann Church, 289 Arch Rd, Avon (meeting rooms listed by date at https://www.stannavon.org/divine-design)
- Format: Mingle; *Pause. Breathe. Pray.*TM practice; Bible study discussion
- Fee: \$40 (includes book)
- Register: email ann.distefano@stannavon.com or visit https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/align-with-yourdivine-design-2023
- Attire: Dress comfortably to stretch/strengthen
- Bring: Yoga mat, block and strap, if you have them
- Waiver: Please complete the exercise waiver when you register online, or in person 15 min before first class.

A minimum of 12 participants is required to run this program *https://www.shawnelizabethgeorge.com/

The Saint Ann Scholarship Committee presents their

2023 Annual Used Book Sale

Friday, January 27th: 5 pm-7:30 pm (\$5 adult admission)

Saturday, January 28th: 9am-2:30 pm (no admission fee)

Proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships.

Please donate books in good condition during the following collection dates/times:

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25/26: between 9:30am-4pm

Friday, January 27: between 9:30-11:30am

Please donate books: best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, politics, children's books, young readers, CDs, puzzles, etc.

Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week.

To volunteer, please contact Meg Kundahl, 860-521-1051, mkfk@sbcglobal.net or Eileen Sibson, 860-321-7266, sibsonec@aol.co Thank you!



St. Ann Cares Looking For New Leadership

St. Ann Cares is looking for new leadership and planning members. The continuity of this ministry depends on someone stepping forward to lead it. St. Ann Cares repairs, paints and performs landscaping tasks for those in need. If this sounds like something you would be interested in let me know. I would love to talk to you.

Thank you , Steve Rose 860 -250-5355 or <u>sjrose1088@gmail.com</u>

FAITH REFRESHER

Dive a little deeper in your understanding of how we as Catholics:

+ ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE in the Sacraments + LIVE OUT LOVE through Virtues and Service

OFFERED TWO TIMES:

DAYS Jan 12-Mar 23 THURS, 9:30-11am Fr. Bennett Hall EVENINGS Mar 28-May 30 TUES, 7-8:30pm Room 3

Cost: \$20 (assistance is available) Register: www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faithrefresher-2023 Resource: "Symbolon II" via FORMED.org Questions: andreapizzutti333@gmail.com

Adult Enrichment + Church of St. Ann, Avon CT

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 1/8/23: \$6,491.00 Online Giving (Jan.4-11, 2023): \$2,677.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools



God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in

the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person. Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom Starting January 8th

Mondays at 7:15pm in Rm 3 and via Zoom Starting January 9th

Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom Starting January 6th

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>



This week's theme: Jesus, the Lamb of God

Today's Gospel is from John 1:29-34. Here we see St. John the Baptist proclaim that Jesus is the Lamb of God. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jews of that day wouldn't fail to recognize the connection that John was making between the Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed to atone for sin and Jesus, the innocent, spotless victim who would be sacrificed on the Cross for our salvation.

<u>Reflection</u>: During the Mass just before we receive Holy Communion, we hear these words, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to His supper." The Church echoes the words of John to recall the great sacrifice which Christ has made for us to atone for our sinfulness. But it also asks us to rejoice that we are called to receive Him in Holy Communion in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

As Catholic Christians we are blessed beyond telling to so intimately be united to Our Lord, as we are, when we receive Him in Holy Communion.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Upcoming Pro-Life Events

Archbishop Reverend William E. Lori, Chairman of the USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities urges us to Build a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World." We proclaim "a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable-----a society in which the legal protection of human life is accompanied by profound care for mothers and their children"

https://bit.ly/statement-march-21.

We recommitted our committees to work to make this vision a reality. And we urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions to do likewise.

- On Sunday, January 15th we will celebrate the Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2;30-3:30 p.m. We will pray to end abortion in all 50 states and for a renewed respect for all human life.
- Friday, January 20th from 12 noon-1 p.m. Holy Hour for Life.
- Monday, June 23rd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Celebration of the 9a.m. Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.



 February Helping Moms in Need Valentine's Day Fundraiser HUGS FROM THE HEART to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington. Date and details in future bulletin.



JANUARY 15, 2023 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. - Psalm 40

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 15 2023

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
	Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations; that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.



-Pope Francis

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, **"Behold the lamb of God."** His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD

SAVE THE DATE !! May 21, 2023

Are you a graduate of one of the 21 New Haven Catholic elementary schools?

Are you interested in the future of Catholic education in New Haven?

Then this event is for you... Save-the-date for the Legacy Brunch: Celebrating the History of Catholic Elementary Education in New Haven. Sunday, May 21, 2023. This is an opportunity for Catholic school alumni and supporters to come together, share memories, see old classmates and celebrate all that has been and will be! Tickets for the brunch at Anthony's Ocean View are \$50 and will go on sale on January 15, 2023. Proceeds will benefit All Saints Catholic Academy. We warmly welcome you to join us beforehand for the celebration of Sunday Mass by Archbishop Blair at St. Bernadette's Church at 10:30am.

For more information please call 203-777-5352 or visit www.AllSaintsNewHaven.org/LegacyBrunch and the see the list of the 21 schools that once flourished in New Haven and the dates that they were founded.



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Calling all Young Adults 18-39!

Are you seeking community? Looking to deepen your relationship with Christ? Simply curious to know more about the Catholic faith? Come join Crossroads 4 Christ (C4C) on Friday nights! We meet for an hour of fellowship and formation and Eucharistic Adoration at 31 Oak St. Winsted, CT 06098.

6:30-7:30pm – Fellowship and formation in the Faith Formation Center (up the hill from St. Joseph Church)

7:30-8:30pm – Eucharistic Adoration in St. Joseph Church Side Chapel. Confessions available.

C4C is a lay apostolate working to develop communities of young adult missionary disciples and currently has 6 other chapters in Connecticut. For more information. visit crossroadsforchrist.org.

Questions? Contact Jill at winsted@crossroadsforchrist.org





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